

Doyayo language

Doyayo (ethnonym: *Dowayo*) is a language of the Duru branch of Adamawa languages spoken in Cameroon.

Doyayo (Doo²³yaa¹yɔ¹ 'man's mouth'; alternatively Doo²waa²³yaa¹yɔ¹ 'man's child's mouth') is spoken by the **Dowayo** (or Doo²waa²³yɔ¹ 'man's child') ethnic group.

Dialects

Doyayo dialects are:^[3]

- **Markε** (spoken in the northwestern plains)
- **Tɛɛrɛ** of Poli
- Southern **Tɛɛrɛ** (spoken in the mountains to the south)
- **Sewe** (Séwé)

(Note that there are two distinct **Tɛɛrɛ** dialects.)

Blench (2004) considers the **Sewe** dialect to be a separate language, no more closely related to **Dowayo** than to **Koma** and **Vere**.

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Doyayo	
	Dowayo
Region	Cameroon
Native speakers	(18,000 cited 1985) ^[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Leko–Nimbari ▪ Duru ▪ Vere–Dowayo ▪ Doyayo
Dialects	Sewe
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	dow
Glottolog	doya1240 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/doya1240) ^[2]
Person	Doo ² waa ²³ yɔ ¹
Language	Doo ²³ yaa ¹ yɔ ¹

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